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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
CHIEF SECRETARIAT (FISHERIES)
(G.O. Ms. No. 14/Fy., dated 8th September 2009)

NOTIFICATION

Approval of the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry is hereby accorded for the formulation of the scheme components (i) Extending lean season assistance consisting of supply of free rice and free clothings during natural calamities and (ii) Supply of free rice and disbursement of cash doles during the period of ban on fishing respectively to fishermen families in the Union territory of Puducherry under the scheme "Welfare and Relief for Fishermen during Lean Seasons and Natural Calamities" in the Union territory of Puducherry as appended to this notification.

2. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department, Puducherry *vide* their U.O. No. 57374/09/F4, dated 28-8-2009.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

N. SUMATHI,
Deputy Secretary to Government (Fy.).

**WELFARE AND RELIEF FOR FISHERMEN DURING LEAN
SEASONS AND NATURAL CALAMITIES SCHEME**

Scheme components for (i) Extending lean season assistance consisting of free supply of rice and free supply of clothings during natural calamities and (ii) free supply of rice and disbursement of cash doles during the period of ban on fishing respectively to the fishermen families in the Union territory of Puducherry under the scheme, “Welfare and Relief for Fishermen during Lean Seasons and Natural Calamities” through Pondicherry Fishermen Welfare and Distress Relief Society.

1. *Short title, extent and commencement.*— (i) This scheme may be called the scheme for “Welfare and Relief for Fishermen during Lean Seasons and Natural Calamities, 2008”.

(ii) It shall extend to the whole of the Union territory of Puducherry.

(iii) It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the official gazette.

2. *Objectives.*— (i) To assist fishermen families who are deprived of income during natural calamities and fishing ban period.

(ii) To conserve the fishery wealth in sea during breeding season.

(iii) To impose ban on fishing by mechanised fishing boats (as specified by the Government of India) so as to comply with the orders of Government of India.

3. *Scope.*— Extending assistance by supply of free rice, clothing, disbursement of cash doles etc., to mitigate the sufferings of the fishermen during the period of natural calamities and fishing ban period.

4. *Eligibility.*— (i) Beneficiary shall be a fisherman who belongs to a group designated to be of below poverty line.

(ii) Beneficiary shall be in possession of Red Ration Card issued by Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Puducherry and Identity Card issued by the Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare.

(iii) Beneficiary shall hold a membership certificate as proof obtained from Fishermen Co-operative Society of the village concerned in the Union territory of Puducherry.

(iv) Beneficiary shall also be considered based on the decisions taken periodically by the Governing Body of the Pondicherry Fishermen Welfare and Distress Relief Society.

5. *Targeted group.*— All Fishermen families fulfilling the eligibility criteria.

6. *Methodology of selection.*— Fishermen families who are involved in fishing and allied fishing activities, members of Fishermen Co-operative Society of the village concerned possessing Ration Card and deprived of income during the period of lean season, shall be identified and issued with tokens printed with the specification of beneficiary's name with the Ration Card Number etc., by the Field Officers. On obtaining the tokens issued earlier from the fishermen beneficiaries, assistance shall be extended by the Field Officers.

7. *Pattern of assistance.*—

(i) **Lean season assistance :** 5kgs. of free rice and one set clothing consisting of one quality saree with one blouse bit, one lunghie and one towel per fishermen family, during natural calamities every year.

(ii) **Fishing ban period assistance** : 100 kgs. of rice and a cash dole at Rs. 750 per fishermen family during the period of ban on fishing during the year.

8. *Mode of distribution.*— Distribution shall be made in the fishing villages concerned in respect of all the four regions viz., Pondicherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam under the supervision of the implementing officers/Fishermen Co-operative Society of the regions concerned.

9. *Interpretation and clarification.*— If any doubt arises with regard to the interpretation of any of the provisions of this scheme and implementation thereof, the matter shall be referred to the Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Puducherry-cum-Member-Secretary of the Pondicherry Fishermen Welfare and Distress Relief Society, whose decision thereon shall be final.